



VICTORY

FLASHES

from **MUHLENBERG**

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Hello:

Today is Memorial Day and here at College, while we paused to pay homage to the honored dead, we are going ahead with the business of education. We had a fine assembly program this morning at which time we saw the motion pictures of the surrender aboard the Missouri. The picture was excellent and made us all resolve to prevent the necessity of another occasion such as the one we witnessed.

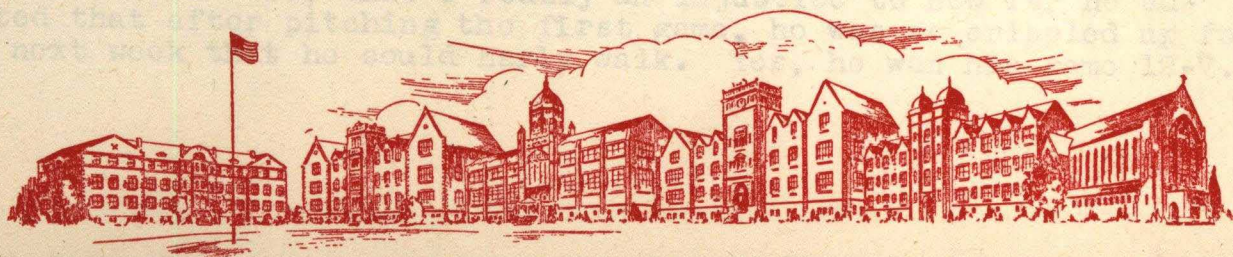
We have had much more than our share of rain, lately. Although there have been no floods in this section of the Lehigh Valley, nearby counties have felt the effects of the downpour. One of the unhappiest individuals on the campus because of the weather is "Hoss" Lough, for Jupiter Pluvius has played hob with his baseball schedule. The Gettysburg game was rained out, re-scheduled and rained out again as was the game with F. & M. Doc Shankweiler's racket busters also lost out on a couple of matches because of the weather. But, the skies will be clear again, and in the meantime, College rolls along as usual.

Muhlenberg dropped a very close game to Penn State, 2-1, the other day. Kindred did a fine job and allowed only four hits, but three of them came in one inning and accounted for the two runs. It looked for a while as though Muhlenberg was going to put a stop to the Temple winning streak for the game was all tied up for seven innings, when the Owls suddenly came to life and scored five runs in the eighth to go on to win 7-2. The Bucknell game was some kind of a hoodoo for the Mules for pitcher Kindred was hit by a batted ball in the third and had to retire, while Schwab, the shortstop, strained his shoulder as the result of a collision in the seventh and had to leave the game. On top of that, the Mules lost 9-5. Sounds like we're alibing, but really, we're just explaining.

The racket busters dropped a meet to Lehigh 9-0. The Engineers were under the tutelage of Fritz Mercer, nationally known tennis star, and the rain has kept them from practice the last couple of weeks.

Eddie Sikorski scored a double win in the track meet with Temple when he romped home in first place in the 220 and the broad jump. Despite his fine work, the trackmen dropped the meet 72-54. Temple has won two out of four meets this season. And thus our spring sports section comes to a close for this time.

The thespians are out in full force these days, or rather nights, for the Science Auditorium, nightly, is the scene of much scurrying around, calls for "lights", cues, and directorial ravings as the two current dramatic productions prepare to present their wares to audiences. The Mask and Dagger will present their opening performance of "Shadow and Substance" tonight, and director, Andrew Erskine, is ready for the opening curtain, confident that his men



will do a good job. Several veterans are back in greasepaint and all indications point to a bang-up performance. Next week, the M Club will revive their shows when they produce "Time Out" on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Two standbys of past years, Norm Morris and Nels Graham have been back on the campus putting the cast through their paces, and everything points to a grand evening's entertainment.

Last Saturday evening the Inter-Fraternity council held their first formal ball since the war. The affair was enjoyed by about 100 couples who danced until midnight at the Americus ball room. Other dances are scheduled before the end of the present semester, chief among them being the Navy graduation hop and the all-student dance, June 20.

Almost \$393,000.00 has been reported in the Field House drive as meetings are held around the circuit with various alumni groups. Allentown will have a final cleanup of its campaign during the first two weeks in June and everything points to a fine finish. By the way, if you haven't been able to send in your contribution, it is still not too late. So far the men in service have pledged almost \$2000.00.

The Alumni Magazine, which will probably be in your hands about the time that this letter reaches you, will contain the information about the reunions to be held this year. Some of the plans are still in the formative stage, but if you can possibly make it, you'll find a warm welcome waiting you when you return to the campus June 21, and 22. We'll give you more of the details in the next letter.

And now for the mail, to bring you fellows up to date on your friends and classmates in service.

CAPTAIN RALPH HARWICK '30 has opened his offices in Allentown after thirty-nine months with the Army Medical Corps. Ralph spent thirteen months in Africa and Italy and upon his return to the States, was assistant chief of medical service at the Regional Hospital, Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N.Y.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HARRY RANK '47 writes from Korea that he is now making all the doughnuts and coffee for the boys of the First Infantry in Korea. He says that, while it takes a lot (6000 daily), it is much better than drilling.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT CLAUDE A. KERSHNER, JR. '45 is certainly getting to see his share of the world. He is engaged in the Casey Jones Project which means photographing all the land areas of Europe. Thus far they have completed ten countries with several more to go before they return to the States. Claude is having a hard time trying to decide the merits of the 17's and 24's, but will probably have the answer when he comes back to the campus to finish his work.

LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE PAUL E. MORENTZ '43 has been ordered to the U.S.S. Talladega bound for Japan and the Philippines. He expects to return in about two months.

FRANK J. PECHACEK '42 writes that he was discharged from the Army in December and is back home in Catasauqua. BOB GEVERT '44 made the Morning Call the other day with a fine picture of himself and wife. They recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Bob was discharged in February after 28 months overseas.

GEORGE E. GRUBE '44 was separated from the Navy on Good Friday and he says that it was the best Good Friday of his life. BOB JOHNSON V-45, who is stationed at Cleveland in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, tells of prowess as a pitcher for the Officer's soft ball team. No, that's really an injustice to Bob for he admitted that after pitching the first game, he was so crippled up for the next week that he could hardly walk. Yes, he won his game 12-7.

ANDREW J. GADEK '39 has completed his terminal leave after serving in the infantry since January 1941. He participated in the battle of Central Europe, the Bulge, and Germany as a Captain with the 84th Infantry Division.

Here is a bit of campus news:

Dr. Morris S. Greth has been appointed Professor of Sociology. He resigned from the faculty of Albright College and will return to Muhlenberg, his Alma Mater, starting in July.

Miss Anne Mulcaster has been replaced by Miss Hannah Clayton, former WAC dietician. Miss Clayton, who held the rank of First Lieutenant, has been on terminal leave since the first of the year. Her Army duties took her to the station hospital at the Boston Port of Embarkation where she was chief dietician.

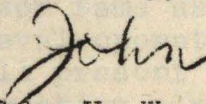
President Tyson has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Ogontz Junior College located in suburban Philadelphia.

Here are a few of the promotions that have come over the desk since the last service letter went out to you fellows:

MAJOR FRANK C. DIEFENDERFER, JR. '40, CORPORAL ALFONSO LANZILLO '48, MAJOR ALBERT P. HERZENBERG '36, ROBERT SMITH, SP.(A) 2/C V44, FIRST LIEUTENANT HOWARD S. YARUS '44, and CAPTAIN GEORGE H. FARNE '41.

For some reason or other, mail was quite scarce this week. So it looks as though this is the end for this letter. Keep us informed at all times of your whereabouts and drop a line anytime you have an opportunity. We are always very glad to hear from you.

Cordially,



John H. Wagner
Alumni Secretary